

The Groundplane



Join SBARA members for a pre-meeting social dinner at Sweet Tomatoes at 6PM — Everyone Invited!

President's Message — By Al Rendon WT6K

I want to thank all the members, family and friends that attended the SBARA Spaghetti Dinner in October. We had over 50 people in attendance and all enjoyed the fun filled evening. A lot of people contributed to the success of the dinner but Jim and Joann Wood deserve special thanks for all the food preparation. It was wonderful to see so many faces that we hadn't seen in a long time and all the new members who attended. The children and our young members in attendance clearly enjoyed the evening and they indicate to me how SBARA is a growing organization with a future.

This month SBARA will be having elections for the 2006 leadership team. To show support for you leadership team please plan to attend the November 11th meeting and vote for

the leadership slate. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are open. If you want to run for a leadership position or nominate someone who does, e-mail the nomination to me at wt6k@arrl.net. Also remember, nominations will be taken from the floor on the 11th until ten minutes before the



election vote. See the SBARA Board nominations in this issue of the Groundplane.

Next month is the last month of the year and traditionally there is no newsletter for the month. I want to take this last opportunity to thank all the SBARA leadership team mem-

bers who have given of their time to support and build SBARA. Without their efforts our year would not have been a success. Also, I want to thank the membership for all their participation in this year's events. Without your participation it would have been a lonely year.

Finally, please plan to attend the traditional Holiday Potluck on December 9th. Again this year the club will provide drinks, cups, flatware, napkins and plates. Each family will be asked to bring a food dish with serving spoon to feed 10 people.

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Happy Thanksgiving



November Program

This month we are fortunate to have our own Steve Wilson KA6S present a talk titled "A quickly planned DX expedition". Steve's first

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Articles of Interest:

- Operating Events
- Holiday Potluck
- Membership Renewal
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October Fundraiser a Success — By Don Gintel, KG6SBE

Hello All, for those of you that attended the dinner on Friday October 14, 2005 at the Vet's Hall I don't have to tell you all that we had a great time. Thanks to Jim Wood and his wife for a great dinner. Also, thanks to all that helped in the set-up and tear down before and after dinner.

Its nice to know that a group of Hams can get together and enjoy each other's company and have a great time. I really hope that we can have another dinner real soon.

November Raffle — By Gene Arrillaga, KF6ZYD

November's raffle will have a \$5 buy in for 5 tickets and will feature an SGC Digital Multimeter, a 50 ft RG-8 coax assembly complete with connectors and for you fox hunters an electronic compass for your vehicle. Depending on ticket sales additional prizes will be added. You can increase your chance of winning by buying additional tickets in blocks of 5 for \$5. Good luck.

President's Message (cont'd.)

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Please reserve December 9th and join all the SBARA membership at the holiday potluck. In this issue you will find an article on the details of the potluck and what you are to bring. Be sure and look for the article.

November Program (cont'd.)

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amateur radio club was a 'contest' club and he has been interested in this phase of the hobby ever since he became a ham. Steve will show what you need to go on a 'quick and simple' DX expedition and some of the strategies and problems one encounters. Come listen to Steve discuss this interesting topic on November 11th at 7:30PM.

Operational and Event News

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
November 4 th	7:30PM	Board Meeting
November 11 th	7:30PM	General Meeting - 2006 Leadership Elections
December 9 th	6:00PM	Holiday Dinner - Veterans Hall
December		Membership Renewal
First Saturday of the Month	5:00PM	"T" Hunts

SBARA Board 2006 Officers Slate & Open Positions

ELECTED POSITIONS

PRESIDENT	ANDY ROMERIL	KG6MDS
VICE PRESIDENT	STEVE WILSON	KA6S
TREASURE	OPEN	
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2006 Leadership Team Nominations will be taken from the floor up to 10 minutes before the election at the SBARA meeting on November 11th, 2005

Ham Radio Games for Kids!

What are some games that I can play to increase my interest in ham radio?

Using a shortwave radio, listen to ham radio stations on 84, 40, 20 to get a good feel for world-wide stations. Learn how they identify their station with it's call sign, listen to where they are located and how they share the frequency with others. The games I found the most fun were:

- **SWL all states**
- **SWL 100 Countries (foreign call signs)**
- **SWL Counties in my own State**
- **SWL Counties in the United States**



Take a US or World Map and hang it up near your radio or place it in a notebook. Each time you hear a unique station, put a pin in or record a dot on the map. Use different colored pins or ink to represent difference bands (frequencies) that were used to hear the station. Keep a journal with Date, Time, Station Call Sign, Frequency, Mode (SSB, CW, FM, AM) and Name/Location.



SBARA Holiday Potluck - December 9, 2005 - Veterans Memorial Building, Niles

You're invited! It's the holiday time of year again and SBARA is getting into the holiday season with our annual holiday potluck. Reserve the second Friday of December for this festive event. Each family traditionally brings a food dish with serving spoon in quantity to serve 10 people. SBARA will provide drinks, cups, flatware, napkins and plates. For those bringing hot dishes, the Veterans Hall kitchen oven will be available to keep food warm but not for cooking on site. Door prizes will be drawn as a thank you for attending. Read the Table below to see what your family can bring to make this event a success.

LAST NAME	A TO L	M TO T	W TO Z
FOOD TO BRING	MAIN DISH	SIDE DISH	DESSERT

Lets end this successful year with a celebration. See you again this year at the SBARA Holiday Potluck. Potluck starts at 6PM on the 9th at the Veterans Hall.

SBARA Leadership Team

SBARA New Membership Form (Dues paid annually)

- New Regular Member** \$30.00 includes Name Badge (required)
- New Senior Member** \$20.00 (65 or older) includes \$10.00 Name Badge (required)
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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Comments or Special Interests:

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IRLP Main Page	http://www.irlp.net/
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SBARA monthly meeting:
Election of 2006 Officers
November 11th, Veterans Hall
in Niles



SBARA Election and Thanksgiving Edition

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